

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 3-8 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An innovation management system, comprising:
a database containing company innovation data; and
at least one a computer coupled to the database to:
with at least one database of company innovation data resident thereon;
~~wherein the system~~ automatically summarize[[s]] company innovations,
use[[s]] intelligent agents to automatically perform searches on the
Internet to find competing ideas, and
generate[[s]] reports which list potential competitive strengths or
weaknesses of the innovations.
3. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said company
innovation data includes at least one idea submitted by an employee and a time
at which the idea was submitted, further comprising a query engine operated by
said computer to determine and report any ideas the employee submitted over a
selected time period.
4. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said company
innovation data includes at least one innovation submitted by an employee,
wherein said computer is further to measure ~~comprising measuring~~ employee
and corporate innovation levels in accordance with the innovations entered by
employees into the system.
5. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said company
innovation data includes at least one innovation submitted by an employee,
employee hours spent on the innovation, and other resources that contributed to
the innovation, so that intellectual property assets can be assigned tangible
values by said computer and so that intellectual property assets can be tracked
on the company's balance sheet contained within said database.

6. (Currently amended) A system for streamlining at least one of creating, preserving and protecting proprietary assets, the system comprising:
a database containing company innovation data; and
at least one a computer coupled to the database to:
~~with at least one database of company innovation data resident thereon,~~
wherein the system perform[[s]] at least one of identifying, classifying, compiling, tracking, and routing real-time innovation data automatically on a continuous basis, and
provide[[s]] access to company innovation data contained in the database,
wherein said company of innovation information, taken from the group of
innovation data includes at least one information consisting of trade secret
archives, patent filings, computed valuations, and user information, further
wherein an employee thereby has access though said computer to company
innovation data submitted to the system by the employee.
7. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 1 wherein said computer is
further adapted to receive an employee entry of entering an intellectual creation
taken from the group of intellectual creations consisting of documents, ideas, and
schematics, and said computer is adapted to provide receiving a time and date
certification therefor.
8. (Currently amended) The system of Claim 7, wherein said computer is
further adapted to receive an comprising the employee link to additional linking
~~more details related to the intellectual creation; and~~
said computer is further adapted to receive an email from another
employee, wherein said email includes other users emailing at least one of a
comment[[s]] directed to the employee, a and suggestion[[s]] directed directly to
the employee, and an improvement submitting their own improvements on the
intellectual creation.